

CLAIMS:

No claim amendments are herewith proposed, and the following list of claims is provided simply for the convenience of the Examiner.

Listing of Claims:

1-25. (Canceled).

26. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

detecting a first tapping gesture on a surface of a device, where a tapping gesture comprises at least one directional component of three dimensional motion and at least one tap;

determining the at least one directional component of the first tapping gesture;

determining a number of taps of the first tapping gesture;

in response to detecting the first tapping gesture, providing a tactile feedback to confirm the first tapping gesture was detected, where the feedback is based upon the first tapping gesture; and

selecting a phone number based upon the first tapping gesture.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising in response to detecting a second tapping gesture confirming the feedback, originating a communication with the selected phone number.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, further comprising in response to receiving a third tapping gesture, terminating the communication.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, where selecting a phone number comprises selecting an entry in a speed dial registry based upon the at least one directional component and the number of taps, where the entry comprises a phone number.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, where determining the number of taps further comprises determining whether the tapping gesture is a double tap.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising providing an audible feedback based upon the first tapping gesture.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising providing a visual feedback based upon the first tapping gesture.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, where the visual feedback comprises a menu structure.

34. (Previously Presented) A device comprising:
a sensor configured to detect a first tapping gesture on a surface of a device, where a tapping gesture comprises at least one directional component of three dimensional motion and at least one tap;
a tactile feedback generator; and
a controller,
where the controller is configured:
to determine the at least one directional component of the first tapping gesture;
to determine a number of taps of the first tapping gesture;
in response to detecting the first tapping gesture, to instruct the tactile feedback generator to provide a tactile feedback to confirm the gesture was detected, where the feedback is based upon the first tapping gesture; and
to select a phone number based upon the first tapping gesture.

35. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 34, where the controller is further configured, in response to detecting a second tapping gesture confirming the feedback, to originate a communication with the selected phone number.

36. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 35, where the controller is further configured, in response to receiving a third tapping gesture, terminating the communication.

37. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 34, where the controller is further configured to determine whether the tapping gesture is a double tap.

38. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 34, further comprising a storage medium configured to store a speed dial registry.

39. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 38, where the controller is further configured to select an entry in the speed dial registry based upon the at least one directional component and the number of taps.

40. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 34, further comprising a display configured to provide a visual feedback.

41. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium that stores program instructions, execution of the program instructions resulting in operations comprising:

- detecting a first tapping gesture on a surface of a device, where a tapping gesture comprises at least one directional component of three dimensional motion and at least one tap;

- determining the at least one directional component of the first tapping gesture;

- determining a number of taps of the first tapping gesture;

- in response to detecting the first tapping gesture, providing a tactile feedback to confirm the gesture was detected, where the feedback is based upon the first tapping gesture; and

- selecting a phone number based upon the first tapping gesture.

42. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 41, further comprising in response to detecting a second tapping gesture confirming the feedback, originating a communication with the selected phone number.

43. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 42, further comprising in response to receiving a third tapping gesture, terminating the communication.

44. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 41, where selecting a phone number comprises selecting an entry in a speed dial registry based upon the at least one directional component and the number of taps, where the entry comprises a phone number.

45. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 41, further comprising providing a visual feedback based upon the first tapping gesture.

46. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 45, where the visual feedback comprises a menu structure.

47. (Previously Presented) A device comprising:
means for detecting a first tapping gesture on a surface of a device, where a tapping gesture comprises at least one directional component of three dimensional motion and at least one tap;
means for determining the at least one directional component of the first tapping gesture;
means for determining a number of taps of the first tapping gesture;
means for providing a tactile feedback, in response to detecting the first tapping gesture, to confirm the gesture was detected, where the feedback is based upon the first tapping gesture; and
means for selecting a phone number based upon the first tapping gesture.

48. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 47, further comprising means for originating a communication with the selected phone number in response to detecting a second tapping gesture confirming the feedback.

49. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 48, further comprising means for terminating the communication in response to receiving a third tapping gesture.